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CHINESE CHRISTIAN LEADERS SUPPORT GOVERNMENT,  
CONDEMN US ACTION IN KOREA, TAIWAN

CHRISTIANS HOLD MASS MEETING IN SHANGHAI -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 2 Jul 50

A meeting of over 200 Christians was held on 1 July in the Central YMCA on Szechwan Road in Shanghai to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party and to mobilize in defense of world peace. Liu Liang-mo, chairman, said they could all be proud to be citizens of the new China under the leadership of the Communist Party and that each one should, during this week, get his friends to sign the peace petition, thus showing the world how strong the Chinese people were for peace and how angry the Chinese had been made by Truman's pronouncement of 27 June.

Wu Yao-tung, local representative of the Peace Movement, said that all should learn from the Communist Party and crystallize the peace feeling among Christians and thus smash the aggressive intent of US imperialism. Other speakers also urged the churches to mobilize their members for the signing of the peace appeal.

A telegram was sent to Chairman Mao and Foreign Minister Chou supporting their protest against US aggressive actions. Shanghai Christians were warned against US imperialism's using religion as a means of reaction and of plotting to destroy the new China. At the same time, the group was exhorted to support the liberation army in its efforts for an early liberation of Taiwan. An appeal was made to all religious persons to further the movement for peace signatures.

OPPOSES US IMPERIALISM, SUPPORTS WORLD PEACE -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 4 Jul 50

The following speech was made by Liu Liang-mo, chairman of the Christian meeting held in Shanghai, on 2 July 1950:

US warmongers have begun fierce aggression in the Far East. We religious people should earnestly support the peace appeal and resolutely oppose the US imperialists.

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Some unreasoning peace lovers have stigmatized attacks on US imperialism as "not peaceable." They fail to see the evil of the bomb attacks by US-made planes. We must lead them to see the US in true light. In fact ardent peace lovers who are religious resolutely oppose imperialism. A few running dogs of the imperialists even bless their projects, as the Roman Church blessed Mussolini's fascist troops and as Bishop Yu Pin spoke in favor of Chiang's reactionary government.

A few believers are two-faced, pretending to be progressive when they are really not. We shall show them that they must choose between standing in the Soviet peace camp or in the US imperialist war camp. If they try to stand on both sides, they cannot escape the people's wrath.

Most religious Chinese citizens are fairminded patriots. We must enlighten them -- Buddhists, Moslems, Protestants, Roman Catholics -- and lead them into the great peace movement.

From Protestantism we must eliminate imperialist influence, by showing how imperialism (especially US) exploits religion for reactionary purposes.

We must appeal to US church people and citizens generally to resist Truman's 27 June pronouncement and the warmongers' aggressive designs on Taiwan and Korea. We must support all antiwar sentiment in the US, and oppose US reactionary support of Chiang, Rhee, Bao Dai, Quirino, and other such puppets. We know how US church people and citizens want to maintain peace, and believe they will protest even more against war.

We also must let all the world know that we firmly support the statement of Mao and Chou against US imperialist aggression. Taiwan is China's territory. We must earnestly support the liberation army's freeing of Taiwan at an early date. We believe that the Chinese people have abundant strength for completing this sacred duty. The US government's sending a fleet to China's Taiwan is an act of imperialist aggression against China's sovereignty. Suppose China should send a fleet to Long Island near New York, how would Americans feel and what would the world think?

We warn Truman and other imperialist warmongers: If you suppose that by risking war you can settle your political and economic crises, please consider the fate of Hitler, Mussolini, and Japanese imperialism. If you suppose that Asiatic peoples will tamely submit to your violence, please look at China's resistance to Japan, and the great strength of the peoples of Viet Nam, Malaya, and Korea in their struggle for national independence. If you start an aggressive war in Asia, you will, like Japan, be mired in Asia's bog, deeper and deeper; you will not be able to extricate yourself and in the end will be broken to pieces by the people of all Asia and the world. It will be as Malenkov said: "If imperialism dares start a third world war, the entire imperialist system will perish."

We deeply believe that the daily increasing of the world's peace efforts will defeat a blustering imperialism unsupported by the people.

MANIFESTO CONDEMS US IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION -- Hankow Ch'ang-shiang Jih-pao,  
4 Aug 50

The following statement by Wang Kuo-hsin, chairman of the YWCA National Committee, and 30 other Christian leaders in China, was published in the Shanghai Ta Kung Pao of 1 August. It strongly supports the declaration of Mao and Chou, and appeals to US Christians to stop this wicked aggression. The text follows:

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US imperialism has madly begun an aggressive war in the Far East against Taiwan and Korea. We Chinese Christians wish to join with the people of all China and the whole world, in resolutely opposing this aggressive US act which destroys world peace and disregards international good faith.

We firmly support the strong statement of Chairman Mao and Foreign Minister Chou in regard to this aggressive act of US imperialism. Taiwan is China's territory. We warmly support the liberation army in freeing Taiwan. We believe that the Chinese people have sufficient strength to fulfill this sacred duty.

We declare our high admiration for the Korean people's brave fight and the glorious successes they have already won. We believe they will attain final and complete victory, freeing their ancestral land from the cruel hands of imperialists.

We express hot indignation and stern protest against the wicked action of US planes in bombing Korean cities and villages, killing vast numbers of innocent Korean men, women, and children. Truman's prayer for God's blessing on US imperialist aggression in Korea is a blasphemous vain wish. The just and loving God whom every sincere Christian worships surely will not bless a bloody murderer and his minions. Rather will Truman and other planners of US imperialism's wicked acts experience God's severe condemnation.

US imperialist aggression in Taiwan and Korea clearly reveals the extreme cruelty and wickedness of its real nature, completely bankrupting its boasted freedom and democracy. This leads us to recognize US imperialism clearly and set ourselves against it. To defeat such imperialist aggression is the common duty of the entire world.

In opposing US imperialism, we are not against the good people of the US. We appeal to US Christians to stand with us in opposing US imperialist aggression in Taiwan and Korea, in opposing Truman and all other warmongers sending the youth of the US and other countries to be cannon fodder at the front, in opposing US planes murdering Korean people; and in using effective means to stop these wicked acts of US imperialism.

Repeated defeats of US troops in Korea have proven the weakness of the US, and plainly shown the people's strength. Therefore, the uniting of the world's people to defeat US imperialist aggression, to shatter US imperialism's desire to make war, is entirely possible. We are glad to expend our utmost strength in the struggle for this goal.

SHANGHAI RELIGIOUS CIRCLES OPPOSE NEW AGGRESSION -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 7 Jul 50

The peace appeal movement has swept over the entire city, enlisting myriads of devout persons who care little about politics but cherish beautiful ideals about a heavenly kingdom. These persons have in turn led many others to sign. Pastor Ch'en Ho-hsiang of Grace Church put it this way: "We Christians have always stood for peace, but not mere pacificism. When aggression becomes unbearable, we rise up to resist the inhuman aggressors. Just as Jesus indignantly drove the money-changers from the temple, we should not only sign the peace appeal, but also if ever an invader touches our sacred soil, boldly drive him out."

At a mass meeting, on 1 July, celebrating the 29th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party, various Christian leaders pointed out US imperialism as the Chinese people's greatest enemy, and appealed to Christians to stress signing the peace appeal, each getting at least five other persons to sign.

The next day, Sunday, copies of the appeal were distributed to the churches to collect signatures. The YWCA and YMCA were also very active in this effort.

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On the afternoon of 5 July, people of all faiths gathered in a vast peace assembly and after hearing powerful pleas were led in prayer for peace by Pastor Hsieh Sung-san.

Pastor Ch'en Ho-hsiang, vice-chairman of the Shanghai Christian Federation, said most feelingly: "Christianity in China has been for 140 years a tool of imperialism and rejected by the masses. Now that imperialism's evil character has been revealed, we want to work for the welfare of our people. The Kuomintang led us to fear the Communists, but after Shanghai was liberated, living facts led us to become acquainted with the Communist Party. We can testify that if the whole world were as good as the regime led by the Communist Party, would not the kingdom of heaven dreamed of by Christians be already realized on the earth? So we, wishing to preserve this lasting peace of the kingdom of heaven, and the happiness of good people, must boldly rise up to resist the brutal aggression of the imperialists. Let each of us sign the appeal to preserve peace!"

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